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For: **COSMETIC USE OF AT LEAST ONE  
POLYORGANOSILOXANE AS A GELLING AGENT AND  
COSMETIC COMPOSITION CONTAINING IT**

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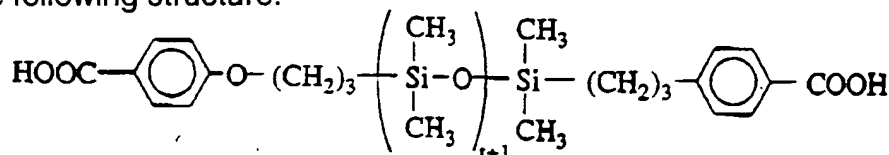
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**RESPONSE**

Responsive to the Official Action dated August 8, 2001, the applicants elect, with traverse, the compounds of claim 4 and, as a single compound, the compound of claim 5, which has the following structure:



Claims 1-6, 8-13 and 15-37 read on the elected species.

Withdrawal of the species election requirement is requested as the applicants believe that all polyorganosiloxanes of claim 1 are compounds containing organosiloxo units of the formula  $R_a R'_b SiO_{(4-a-b)/2}$  which allow gelation of a cosmetically acceptable medium without using usual gelling agents (see, specification at page 2, lines 24-29). Moreover, these compounds have advantageously improved the duration of the cosmetic and/or care effect(s) of the inventive cosmetic compositions.

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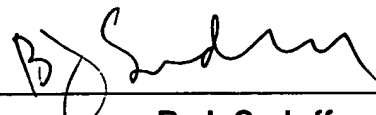
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Withdrawal of the restriction/election requirement is requested along with an early and favorable Action on the merits of all the claimed subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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